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VACCINIUM MYRTILLOIDES VELVETLEAF BLUEBERRY

Velvetleaf Blueberry is a low to mid-height shrub that is 10-40 cm tall with hairy twigs. The elliptic-shaped leaves are thin, soft, hairy, and about 1-4 cm long. The greenish-white flowers are sometimes tinged with purple; they are borne in short clusters and are cylindrical-shaped with 5 corolla lobes. Berries are blue, glaucous, and 4-8 mm wide. Flowering in mid-June, mature fruit in mid-August.

This VACCINIUM is the only species in our area that has hairy twigs and leaves.